Stewart Building   T-26
North Washington Street   C1810
Easton, Maryland 21601   With Later Alterations

     The "Old Brick Hotel" as this building is commonly known, was
probably constructed soon after a big fire of 1808. A Federal period
building, its earliest appearance is unknown, but the structure must
have been an L-shaped corner building, two-and-a-half stories high with
a gable roof and dormers. Flat keystone window arches and a Flemish
bond facade are the major details remaining from this period. By the
mid nineteenth century, photographs show a mansard roof with elegant
cast iron cresting. Tudor revival elements - beaded glass windows and
parapet roofs - were added in the 1920's. Used as a hotel for many
years, the building now houses apartments and shops.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Brick Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Stewart Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY. TOWN   CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE   COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING/S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Anne N. B. Lockhart   Telephone #: 301-822-4098

STREET & NUMBER

Box 613

CITY. TOWN   STATE , zip code

Easton   ___ VICINITY OF   Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 432
Folio #: 653

Talbot County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY. TOWN   STATE

Easton   Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 28, 1967   __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS   Maryland Historical Trust

CITY. TOWN   STATE

Annapolis   Maryland

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stewart Building, also known as the Old Brick Hotel, is an L-shaped corner building, seven bays long on North Washington Street and eight bays long on Federal Street.

It is a two-and-a-half story high with a Mansard roof. The Mansard is covered with wooden shingles with alternating rows of imbricated and butt-ended shingles. Dormers pierce the roof; the three dormers on the Federal Street side occur between bays. Two dormers, one with a single window, are used on the east slope. Each has eight-light casement windows with flat lead cames and is covered by a shallow gable roof.

On the Federal Street facade a Tudor-revival facade has been inserted into the third bay from the corner. It has a wide window opening with casements on the upper floor and an ornamental parapet. Recessed windows are placed between remaining dormers, one on each facade. Each has five casement windows.

Second floor windows are evenly spaced on both facades; six over six sashes are used. On the south facade the lintels are flat and unmolded. Plain sills project slightly from the brick surface. On the east, windows have double keystone lintels of sandstone. These are set flush and are decorated with the carving used in several of the Washington Street Federal buildings.

Now used as stores, the first floor has Tudor-revival details - narrow, leaded casement windows and central entrance doors. The plate glass windows of a men's clothing store occupy the east - Washington Street-facade and the eastern bays of the south facade. The corner entrance to this store has transom lights with twenty small panes and a simple entrance door.

The upper floors are reached by an entrance on the south facade. Used as offices, these floors have twentieth-century details.

The brick facade of the building gives a hint of its evolution. Originally constructed about 1818, the structure has the Flemish bond brick-work common to buildings of the early nineteenth century. Portions of the wall have been repaired - some carelessly in common bond; others are relaid Flemish bond but with machine-made bricks. Alterations in the brick can also be seen above several windows where sandstone lintels have been removed.

The structure was built as a hotel. No photographs of its earliest appearance survive, but it may have had a gable roof with dormers and six over six windows. The Mansard roof must have been added in the mid-nineteenth century. Old photographs show it to have been an extremely handsome building with an elegant cast iron cresting on the roof. Shutters were used at each window. Keystone lintels were painted on the south facade. The entrances were in their present location; the corner entrance being covered with round arched openings. Narrow balconies several feet wide with slender, turned balusters were used above the Federal Street entrance and on the east facade. A square lantern, probably of brass, hung at the corner.

In the 1920's the Tudor-revival details were added and the building connect' to its western neighbor on Federal Street.

Despite its many alterations, this interesting structure is attractive and well maintained. The east facade and first floor on the south is painted light green; trim is a darker green.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLUGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES   C1810   **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**   Samuel Groome

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant for its architecture. It is one of the town's earlier buildings, constructed during the Federal period. With its attractive dark-red brick work and elegant sandstone lintels, it must have been a distinctive building that turned the corner between the row of fine Federal buildings to the north and the Georgian Court House across Federal Street.

In the second phase, it was one of the finest of Easton's Victorian buildings, restrained and well proportioned, with finely crafted wrought iron cresting and brass lantern. The Mansard roof remains one of Easton's best examples of the decorative single roofs used at the time.

In its present condition the building is an example of the fanciful Tudor-revival of the 1920's with its penchant for leaded glass, round openings and parapet roofs.

L34/F588   In 1811, William Groome bought a lot of ground on "Federal Alley" and the west side of Washington Street for $400.00. Along Federal Alley directly north of the Court House, there had been earlier buildings, taverns, stables, and such. But a fire swept the corner in 1810 and Mr. Groome picked up the wreckage at a cheap price. He immediately set about building a good-sized brick hotel-tavern, probably the earliest hotel in the community. The establishment remained in the hands of Samuel Groome
L65/F162   and his heirs until 1853, when Col. Samuel Hambleton, one of the town's leading attorneys, bought the property and continued to run it as a hotel.
L120/F169   His heirs sold it in 1893 to the Moreland Improvement Co. of Talbot County.
L208/F445   It ceased to function as a hotel about this time. In 1927, the Isla Corporation paid $40,500.00 for the holdings. One more owner came along
L432/F653   in 1965 until the present one, Mrs. Anne N. B. Lockhart who purchased it in 1969.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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    Free Library.   (cont.)
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ___ NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE **None**   COUNTY

STATE   COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant   Cynthia B. Ludlow, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION   DATE

Historic Easton, Incorporated   October 1, 1976

STREET & NUMBER   TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,

Box 1171   301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN   STATE

Easton   Maryland 21601

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            Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Easton, Maryland 21601

Old Brick Hotel
Stewart Building

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:
FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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1. NAME

COMMON:

No. 10 Federal Street (Old Brick Hotel)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

(Past & Stewart Building).

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2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

10 Federal Street (Courthouse Square)

CITY OR TOWN:

Easton

STATE	CODE	COUNTY: Talbot	CODE
Md.			

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY *(Check One)*	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☒	Public ☐ Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☒	Yes:
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☒ In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☒
Object ☐	Both ☐ Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐ No: ☐

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☒	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐	_____
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐	_____	_____
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐	_____	_____

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:	Federal ☐	State ☐	County ☐	Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	*(Check One)*
	Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deterioroted ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐

INTEGRITY?	*(Check One)*		*(Check One)*
	Altered ☐ Unaltered ☐		Moved ☐ Original Site ☒

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

No. 10 Federal Street is part of ~~____~~ 3 story*
red brick block known as the Stewart Block,
the western part of which is a 1928 copy of
the eastern section. No 10ₐ appear to have

*(3rd story wanns and roof probably later than rest
of early part of Stewart Building)

been created from the older section (?),
but it is 3 stories which the 3rd story projecting,
over 2d, and 2nd projecting well over
entrance and bay window —no onto form
an entrance porch. ~~Construction~~ 2nd +
3rd stories show an English half-timber
facade with brick nogging. 3rd floor has 4
bas-relief concrete (after) plaster panels showing
4 tree motifs. All windows are of the casement
type, and bay windows have lead mullions.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbion ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☐	20th Century ☒
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☐	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* (1815 early hotel)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Educotion ☐	Political ☐	Urban Plonning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Phi-	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	losophy ☐	Architecture
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Science ☐	
Art ☐	Londscope ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Commerce ☐	Architecture ☐	Sociol/Humon-	
Communicotions ☐	Literature ☐	itorion ☐	
Conservotion ☐	Military ☐	Theater ☐	
	Music ☐	Transportation ☐	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

* 10 Federal Street is an attempt at creating
the effect of an English west country half-timbered
house (e.g. 15ᵗʰ c. Shrewsbury + London in
Shropshire) — early English urban commercial.
Fanciful at one example of creative
eclecticism of early 20ᵗʰ c.)
influenced — helped by ————
use of English models for academic
archit. — Princeton had 2 dorms in
this ½ timbered style — 1 still standing

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Wm*

ORGANIZATION *WHT*   DATE *Jun 12, 1969*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE   CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐   State ☐   Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____
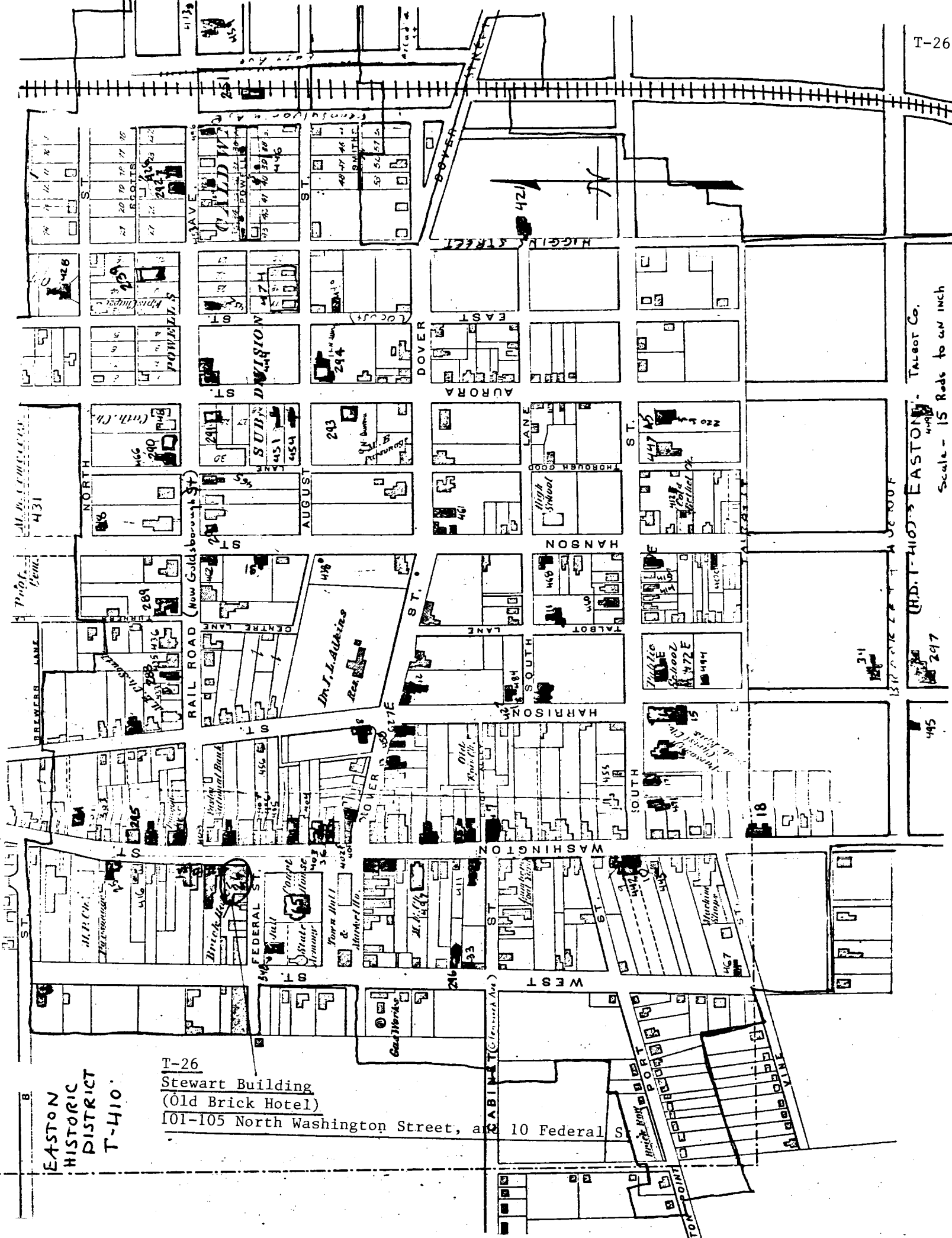
ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

1. STATE	Maryland	T-26	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
COUNTY	Talbot		
TOWN	Easton VICINITY		
STREET NO.	Washington & Federal Sts		2. NAME Old Brick Hotel

ORIGINAL OWNER

ORIGINAL USE Hotel

PRESENT OWNER

PRESENT USE Shops and dwellings

WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick

NO. OF STORIES three

DATE OR PERIOD 1815 and later

STYLE Federal and Victorian

ARCHITECT

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION   OPEN TO PUBLIC **yes**

The old Brick Hotel was originally a federal structure 7 bays long and probably 3 or 4 deep built about 1815. The 2nd storey front of the building still contains the odd 6/6 windows with the flat white double keystone arches. The inn was later enlarged and its A-roof changed to a Mansard one. Finally in the 1920's it reached its present size of 7 bays wide and 8 bays deep with a Mansard roof capping all.

Today it stands a much-altered though very pleasing commercial block. All of the shopfronts are in keeping with the character of the building and the soft green trim contrasts very well with the hues of the brick. Historically important as one of the oldest inns in Easton, this commercial block in its present state harmonizes with the best of the architecture in the town. The commercial enterprises housed within in no way mar the appearance of the building.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE   Endangered   Interior   **well-maintained**
                                                                          Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Paul A. Brinkman

DATE OF RECORD 30/8/1967

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T-26
Stewart Building
(Old Brick Hotel)
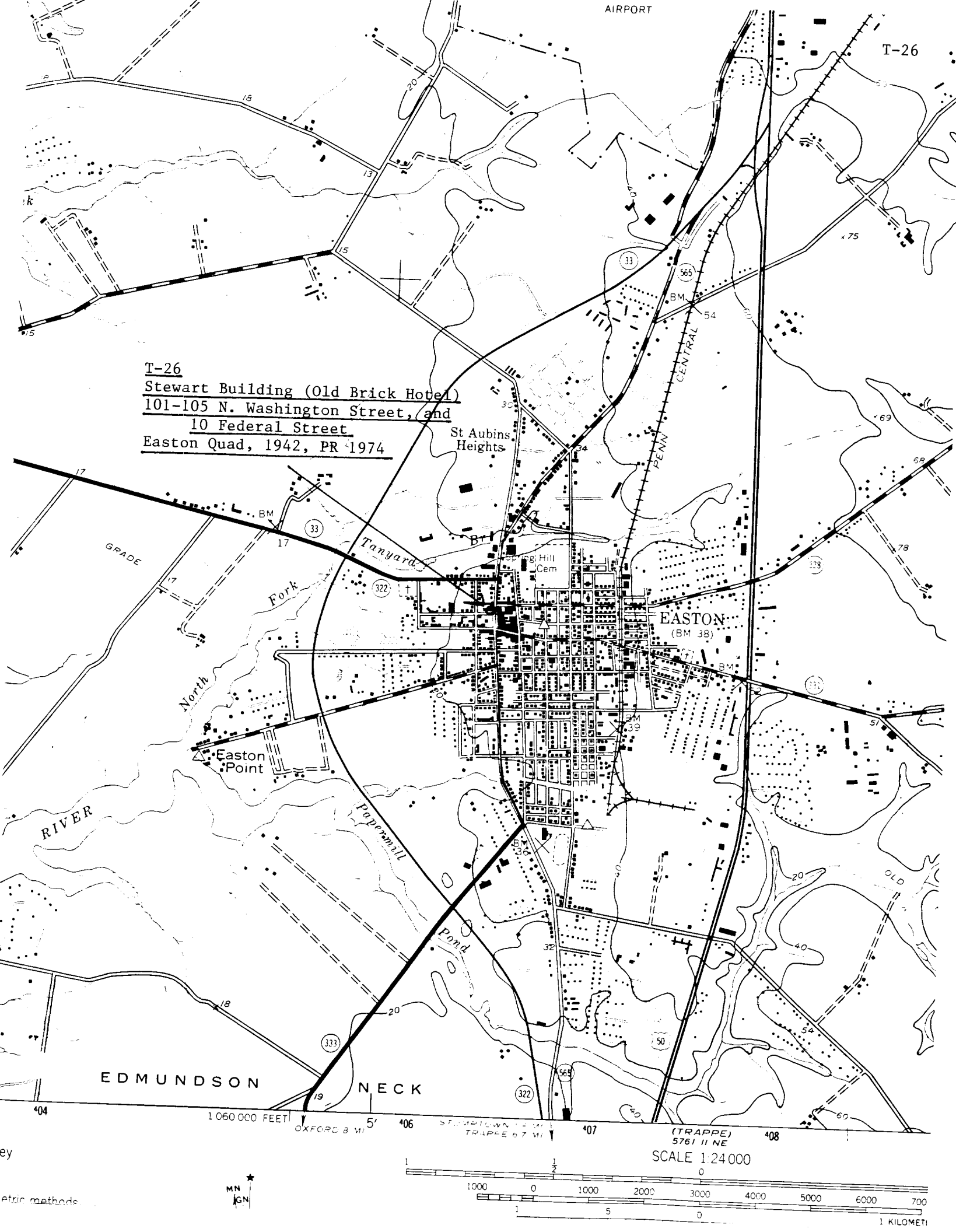101-105 North Washington Street, and 10 Federal St.

EASTON HISTORIC DISTRICT T-410

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Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

AIRPORT

T-26

T-26
Stewart Building (Old Brick Hotel)
101-105 N. Washington Street, and
10 Federal Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974

St Aubins
Heights

GRADE

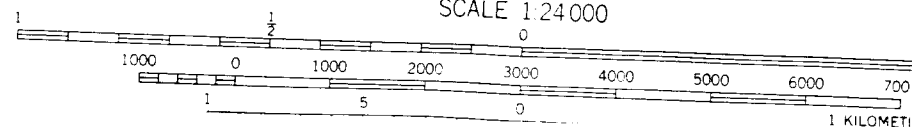Tanyard

EASTON
(BM 38)

Fork

North

Easton
Point

RIVER

Papermill

Pond

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Stewart Building (Old Brick Hotel)

100-105 N. Washington Street
              and
10 Federal Street, Easton

Southeast Facade

T-26

STEWART BUILDING   " OLD BRICK HOTEL "   T-26

    NORTH WASHINGTON

EASTON, MD.

SOUTH & EAST FACADES

M.L. FRITZ

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Stewart Building (Old Brick Hotel)

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Southeast Facade

Easton

T-26